IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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1   2.   Canceled.

1   3.   (Original) A method for connecting a call between a calling party and a
2   called party, comprising:
3   translating a first source address into a first global address, the first source
4   address being local to a first network and being associated with the calling party;
5   translating a first destination address into a second global address;
6   sending the first global address and the second global address from a first
7   network edge device to a second network edge device, the first network edge device
8   connecting the first network and a second network, the second network edge device
9   connecting a third network to the second network, the third network being associated
10   with the called party;
11   translating the first global address into a second source address, the second
12   source address being local to the third network;
13   translating the second global address into a second destination address, the
14   second destination address being local to the third network and being associated with
15   the called party

1   4.   (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:
2   the first source address and the first destination address are translated at the first
3   edge router for a plurality of packets associated with the call, and
4   the first global address and the second global address are translated at the second
5   edge router for the plurality of packets associated with the call.

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1   5.   (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:

2   the first source address and the first destination address are translated at the first

3   edge router connecting the first network and the second network

4   the first global address and the second global address are translated at the second

5   edge router connecting the second network and the third network.

1   6.   (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:

2   the first source address and the second source address are associated with an

3   originating interface unit within the first network, and

4   the first destination address and the second destination address are associated

5   with a terminating interface unit within the third network.

1   7.   (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:

2   the first network and the third network are untrusted networks, and

3   the second network is a trusted network

1   8.   (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

2   releasing the first global address and the second global address after the call is

3   completed; and

4   translating a third source address into the first global address, the third source

5   address being local to the first network and being associated with a second calling party.

1   9.   (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:

2   the second destination address is translated into the second global address for a

3   plurality of packets associated with the call and being sent from the called party to the

4   calling party;

5   the second source address is translated into the first global address for the

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6   plurality of packets;

7   the first global address is translated into the first source address for the plurality

8   of packets; and

9   the second global address is translated into the first destination address for the

10   plurality of packets.

1   10.   (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:

2   the first source address and the first destination address are translated at the first

3   network edge device for a first plurality of packets associated with the call and being

4   sent from the calling party to the called party,

5   the first global address and the second global address are translated at the second

6   network edge device for the first plurality of packets associated with the call and being

7   sent from the calling party to the called party.

1   11.   (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

2   translating the second destination address into the second global address for a

3   second plurality of packets associated with the call and being sent from the called party

4   to the calling party;

5   translating the second source address into the first global address for the second

6   plurality of packets;

7   translating the first global address into the first source address for the second

8   plurality of packets; and

9   translating the second global address into the first destination address for the

10   second plurality of packets.

12-22. (Canceled)

1   23.   (Original) A method for privately connecting a call between a calling

2   party and a called party, comprising:

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3 receiving a first global address and a second global address, the first global

4 address being a translation of a first source address, the first source address being local

5 to a first network and being associated with the calling party, the second global address

6 being a translation of a first destination address, the first destination address being

7 associated with the called party;

8 translating the first global address into a second source address, the second

9 source address being local to a second network; and

10 translating the second global address into a second destination address, the

11 second destination address being local to the second network and being associated with

12 the called party.

1 24.   (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein:

2 the first global address and the second global address are translated for a

3 plurality of packets associated with the call and being sent from the calling party to the

4 called party,

5 the first global address and the second global address are translated at an edge

6 router connecting a third network to the second network.

1 25.   (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein:

2 the first source address and the second source address are associated with an

3 originating telephone broadband interface within the first network, and

4 the first destination address and the second destination address are associated

5 with a terminating broadband interface within the second network.

1 26.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein

2 the first global address and the second global address are translated at an edge

3 router connecting a third network to the second network,

4 and wherein the first network and the second network are not under the control

5 of the third network.

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7   27.   (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

8   releasing the first global address and the second global address after the call is

9   completed; and

10   translating the first global address into a third source address, the third source

11   address being local to the second network and being associated with a second called

12   party.

1   28.   (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein:

2   the first global address is translated into a second source address for a first

3   plurality of packets associated with the call and being sent from the calling party to the

4   called party; and

5   the second global address is translated into a second destination address for the

6   first plurality of packets.

1   29.   (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising:

2   translating the second source address into the first global address for a second

3   plurality of packets associated with the call and being sent from the called party to the

4   calling party; and

5   translating the second destination address into the second global address for the

6   second plurality of packets.

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1   37.   (Original) A method for connecting a call between a calling party and a

2   called party, comprising:

3   translating a first local address into a first global address, the first local address

4   being associated with a first network;

5   sending the first global address from a first network edge device to a second

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6   network edge device, the first network edge device connecting the first network and a

7   second network, the second network edge device connecting a third network to the

8   second network; and

9   translating the first global address into a second local address, the second local

10   address being associated with the third network.

1   38.   (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein:

2   the first local address is associated with the calling party, the first network is

3   associated with the calling party,

4   the second local address is associated with the called party, the second network

5   is associated with the called party.

1   39.   (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein:

2   the first local address is associated with the called party, the first network is

3   associated with the called party,

4   the second local address is associated with the calling party, the second network

5   is associated with the calling party.

1   40.   (Original) The method of claim 37, further comprising:

2   releasing the first global address after the call is completed; and

3   translating a third local address into the first global address, the third local

4   address being associated with a second call.

1   41.   (Original) The method of claim 37, further comprising:

2   translating a second local address into a second global address, the second local

3   address being associated with the third network;

4   sending the second global address from the second network edge device to the

5   first network edge device; and

6   translating the second global address into a third local address, the third local

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7   address being associated with the first network.

1   42.   (Previously Presented) A method for connecting a call between a calling

2   party and a called party, comprising:

3   receiving, from a first network edge device at a second network edge device, a

4   first global address that is a translation of a first local address, the first local address

5   being associated with a first network, the first network edge device connecting the first

6   network and a second network, the second network edge device connecting a third

7   network to the second network; and

8   translating the first global address into a second local address, the second local

9   address being associated with the third network.

1   43.   (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein:

2   the first local address is associated with the calling party, the first network is

3   associated with the calling party,

4   the second local address is associated with the called party, the second network

5   is associated with the called party.

1   44.   (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein:

2   the first local address is associated with the called party, the first network is

3   associated with the called party,

4   the second local address is associated with the calling party, the second network

5   is associated with the calling party.

1   45.   (Original) The method of claim 42, further comprising:

2   releasing the first global address after the call is completed; and

3   translating a third local address into the first global address, the third local

4   address being associated with a second call.

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1   46.   (Original) The method of claim 42, further comprising:

2   translating a second local address into a second global address, the second local

3   address being associated with the third network;

4   sending the second global address from the second network edge device to the

5   first network edge device; and

6   translating the second global address into a third local address, the third local

7   address being associated with the first network.

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